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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/522,566	<b>Applicant(s)</b> PEAKE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Sudhanshu C. Pathak	<b>Art Unit</b> 2611	

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**Period for Reply**

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.
2. The preliminary amendment dated January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, has been accepted and the Office Action is based on the claims as amended in the amendment.
3. The preliminary amendment dated July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 has been accepted and the Office Action is based on the amended specification.

### ***Claim Objections***

4. Claims 11-12 & 19-20 are objected to because of the following:

The Claims (11 & 19) discloses "...a relatively fine frequency estimate...", this should be "a fine frequency estimate". Furthermore, the word "relatively" is used throughout the claim this provides an indefinitely to the claim language.

Furthermore, the claims (11, 12, 19 & 20) discloses "...potential aliasing...", this should be "aliasing". Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regards to independent claim 1 specifies "A method of placing pilot symbols in a data stream....", however there are no method steps mentioned in the claim language, the entire claims are written in a functional language. It is recommended

that the applicant articulate the steps needed to implement the method. A possible amendment to the claim is "A method of placing pilot symbols in a data stream for telecommunications systems, comprising distributing, the pilot symbols, in time using a range of different intervals between symbols".

In regards to the dependent claim 2-9, the claims do not further disclose any method steps, the claims are written in a functional language.

Furthermore, in regards to Claim 7, the claim discloses "...according to the following formula: as defined herein.", however no formula is defined in the claim.

In regards to the independent claim 10, the claim is a single means claim, and thus is subject to an undue breadth, and thus is indefinite failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In re Hyatt, 708 F.2d 712, 714-715, 218 USPQ 195, 197 (Fed. Cir. 1983) (A single means claim which covered every conceivable means for achieving the stated purpose was held nonenabling for the scope of the claim because the specification disclosed at most only those means known to the inventor.). When claims depend on a recited property, a fact situation comparable to Hyatt is possible, where the claim covers every conceivable structure (means) for achieving the stated property (result) while the specification discloses at most only those known to the inventor.

### ***Double Patenting***

7. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where

the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

8. Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type

double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 2 of copending Application

No. 11/913,871. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

In regards to Claim 1, Claim 2 of the copending application discloses a method of placing pilot symbols in a data stream for telecommunication systems, wherein the pilot symbols are distributed in time using a range of different intervals between symbols (Claim 1, lines 1-4 & Claim 2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Claim 2 of the copending application teaches the limitations of Claim 1 of the instant application. Furthermore, there is no criticality in selecting the pilot symbols using a range of

different intervals between symbols depending on the application and the accuracy of the channel estimation.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

9. Claims 11-20 allowed over the prior art of record.

***Conclusion***

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhanshu C. Pathak whose telephone number is 571-272-5509. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

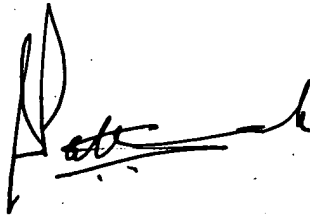
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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